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RUSSIA.

Cholera in the government of Astrachan.

The following is received from Consul-General Thackara, at Berlin, under date of August 7:

In the government of Astrachan, according to official statistics, there have been registered, up to August 6, 51 cases of cholera with 24 deaths, in the city of Zarizyn 96 cases with 55 deaths, in the city of Saratov 14 cases with 2 deaths. The Volga from Samara to Nishni-Novgorod and Rostov on the Don have been declared to be threatened with cholera.

ST. LUCIA ISLAND.

Report from Castries—Sanitary conditions—Smallpox on steamship Peruviana from Rio de Janeiro.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Maylie reports, July 27:

Week ended July 25. Sanitary condition of this port and vicinity good. No quarantinable diseases exist.

The steamship *Peruviana* arrived here July 18 with the following history: Arrived at Rio de Janeiro June 23, sailed from there July 3; captain taken sick at sea with smallpox July 8; captain died and buried at sea July 16; the vessel sailed from here July 19 after 24 hours' fumigation with 5 per cent sulphur dioxide, destination Baltimore; captain's quarters disinfected with 5 per cent carbolic solution; 3 officers and steward (the latter being the sole attendant to captain during his illness) were vaccinated; the captain's body was handled by three members of the crew who have had smallpox; one man, a fireman, was taken off the ship with T. 38.8, C. and P. 112. He was taken by waterway to Rat Island (the quarantine station) for 12 days' detention before being sent to the general hospital; the temperature and pulse of the remainder of the crew of 25 were normal. The ship was anchored well out in the bay and had no communication with the shore. The officers state that all of the bedding, clothing, and utensils used by the captain were thrown overboard. A synopsis of the above was noted on the bill of health.

VENEZUELA.

Report from La Guaira—Removal of quarantine restrictions—Railway traffic resumed with Caracas—Status of plague at Caracas.

Consular Agent Brewer reports, July 24:

Restrictions placed upon ships plying between the ports of Venezuela have been removed, and the ships of all nations are now allowed to enter the port and be dispatched for any Venezuelan or foreign port. French, Norwegian, and German ships have made entry since the opening of the port. Regular communication with Caracas has been reestablished by the La Guaira and Caracas Railway, and mail is received for all points, foreign and local.

Sanitary conditions are more satisfactory now than for some time past, no cases of plague having appeared, as far as we have been able to determine, since the last report was made to the Department. At Caracas, however, from 15 to 18 cases of plague occurred between July 4 and July 18.